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1. Toward the end of November 1952 Minister of Mining and Smelting Fritz Selbmann was called in for a conference with the Deputy Chief of the Soviet Control Commission Perelivchenko. 1/ On this occasion Perelivchenko asked Selbmann to suggest a new organizational plan for the Ministry for Machine Construction.
2. Selbmann suggested that the Ministry for Machine Construction be broken down into three main administrations (Hauptverwaltungen), each headed by a state secretary. If Selbmann's plan is implemented, the structure of the Ministry will be as follows:
  - I Main Administration - heavy machine construction, vehicle construction and marine construction
  - II Main Administration - electrical engineering and general machine construction
  - III Main Administration - all other administrations
3. Foundries which are now under the Ministry for Machine Construction would be assigned to the Ministry of Mining and Smelting. Potash mines and firebrick (feuerfeste Steine), now under the State Secretariat for Stones and Clays, would likewise be placed under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Mining and Smelting.
4. Perelivchenko agreed to the proposed new structural plan and talked to Heinrich Rau about it. Later, in a conversation with Rau, Selbmann learned that Rau considered the suggestion his own. It is to be expected that the suggestion will soon be formalized by a ministerial decree.

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- 1/ [REDACTED] Comments: Probably identical with General M. I. Perevlivchenko, Chief of the GMA Economic Planning Section of the Economic Directorate as of 1 August 1952.

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